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## COMMITTEE ON GOVERNMENT ASSURANCES

### COMPOSITION OF THE COMMITTEE

(1968-69)

Shri Atal Bihari Vajpayee—*Chairman.*

MEMBERS

2. Shri Maharaj Singh Bharati
3 Shri Abdul Ghani Dar
4. Shri Narendra Ramchandraji Deoghare
5. Shri Samar Guha
6. Kumari Kamla Kumari
7. Hazi Lutfal Haque
8. Shrimati Mohinder Kaur
9. Shri C. Muthusami
10. Shri Paokai Haokip
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12. Shri A S. Saigal
13. Maulana Ishaq Sambhali
14. Shrimati Savitri Shyam
15. Shri Ramchandra Ulaka.

SECRETARIAT

Shri M. C. Chawla—*Deputy Secretary.*

# REPORT

## I. Introduction

I, the Chairman of the Committee on Government Assurances, having been authorised by the Committee to present the Report on their behalf, hereby present this Fifth Report of the Committee.

2. The Committee was nominated by the Speaker with effect from the 1st May, 1968.

## II. Sittings of the Committee

3. After the presentation of the Fourth Report (Fourth Lok Sabha) on the 11th March, 1969, the Committee held two sittings on the 17th and 29th April, 1969. At these sittings, the Committee examined the nature and the extent of implementation of a number of assurances, considered the requests from Government for the dropping of 86 assurances and also examined the reasons advanced by Government in 18 cases for not treating the replies given by Ministers as assurances. The Committee also considered the question of dropping of assurances|undertakings|promises given by Ministers in respect of matters now falling within the jurisdiction of the State Legislatures of Bihar, Punjab, Uttar Pradesh and West Bengal consequent on the revocation of President's Proclamations issued under Article 356 of the Constitution in respect of those States. Besides, the Committee also examined the suggestion made by Shri Molahu Prashad, M.P., that his notices of questions in pursuance of the assurances given in reply to his earlier questions dealing with matters pertaining to the States of Bihar, Punjab, Uttar Pradesh and West Bengal might be admitted irrespective of the fact that the President's Proclamations under Article 356 concerning those States had since been revoked.

4. The conclusions arrived at by the Committee on the above matter are contained in the Minutes of the relevant sittings of the Committee which are being laid on the Table separately.

## III. Outstanding Assurances pertaining to the Third and Fourth Lok Sabha

5. At the sitting held on the 29th April, 1969, the Committee perused the table (Appendix) indicating the number of assurances out-

standing after the scrutiny of various statements showing action taken in implementation of the assurances as laid on the Table of the Lok Sabha by the Minister of Parliamentary Affairs and Shipping and Transport on the 11th April, 1969. **The Committee desire that Government should take all necessary steps to liquidate the remaining 9 assurances pertaining to the Third Lok Sabha and 1922 outstanding assurances relating to First to Sixth Sessions and Seventh Session (upto 14th March, 1969) of Fourth Lok Sabha expeditiously.**

IV. **Dropping of assurances|undertakings|promises given by Ministers in respect of matters now falling within the jurisdiction of the State Legislatures of Bihar, Punjab, Uttar Pradesh and West Bengal consequent on the revocation of President's Proclamations issued under Article 356 of the Constitution in respect of those States.**

6. The Committee noted that with the revocation of the President's Proclamations, issued under Article 356 of the Constitution in respect of the States of Bihar, Punjab, Uttar Pradesh and West Bengal, Parliament had ceased to exercise the powers of the Legislatures of the States of Bihar, Punjab, Uttar Pradesh and West Bengal and as such no matter pertaining to those States, which could now more appropriately be taken up in the respective States Legislatures, could be raised in Lok Sabha. **The Committee are of opinion that after the revocation of the President's Proclamations even the assurances|undertakings|promises relating to matters pertaining to those States can not be kept alive for, if their implementation is to be insisted upon, it would amount to interference in matters of day-to-day administration of the State Governments. Moreever, if such assurances are kept pending for implementation by Government, any member will be within the right to raise such matters in Lok Sabha in pursuance of the assurances given earlier when the President's rule in those States, was in force. That, in the view of the Committee, would tantamount to an infringement upon the jurisdiction of the respective States Legislatures. The Committee have, therefore, decided that all those outstanding assurances|undertakings|promises, which were given in respect of matters pertaining to the States of Bihar, Punjab, Uttar Pradesh and West Bengal when the President's Proclamations in relation to those States were in force, should be dropped.**

7. The Committee also considered a suggestion of Shri Molahu Prashad, M.P., contained in his letter dated the 31st March, 1969 addressed to the Speaker, Lok Sabha, that his notices of questions relating to assurances arising out of the replies given to his earlier

questions on matters relating to States, which were hitherto been under the President's rule, might be admitted irrespective of the fact that the President's Proclamations in respect of those States had since been revoked. **The Committee feel that in the light of their decision to drop the assurances|undertakings|promises given by Ministers in respect of matters now falling within the jurisdiction of the State Legislatures of Bihar, Punjab, Uttar Pradesh and West Begal consequent on the revocation of President's Proclamations issued under Article 356 of the Constitution in respect of those States, the question of admitting notice of fresh questions, in pursuance of earlier replies, does not arise at all.**

ATAL BIHARI VAJPAYEE,
*Chairman,*
*Committee on Government Assurances.*

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## APPENDIX

(*Vide* para 5 of Report)

**Statement showing the position of assurances as on 29-4-1969**

(i) *Assurances pertaining to the Third Lok Sabha*

| Session | No. of assurances referred to Committee of Fourth Lok Sabha | No. of assurances implemented | No. of assurances outstanding |
|---|---|---|---|
| 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 |
| 1st Session, 1962 | | | .. |
| 2nd Session, 1962 | | .. | .. |
| 3rd Session, 1962-63 | | .. | |
| 4th Session, 1963 | .. | .. | .. |
| 5th Session, 1963 | | | .. |
| 6th Session, 1963 | .. | .. | .. |
| 7th Session, 1964 | 4 | 3 | 1 |
| 8th Session, 1964 | 1 | 1 | .. |
| 9th Session, 1964 | 1 | 1 | .. |
| 10th Session, 1964 | 1 | 1 | .. |
| 11th Session, 1965 | 4 | 4 | |
| 12th Session, 1965 | 2 | 1 | 1 |
| 13th Session, 1965 | 4 | 3 | 1 |
| 14th Session, 1966 | 25 | 23 | 2 |
| 15th Session, 1966 | 20 | 18 | 2 |
| 16th Session, 1966 | 30 | 28 | 2 |
| TOTAL | 92 | 83 | 9 |

(ii) *Assurances pertaining to the Fourth Lok Sabha*

| Session | No. of assurances called out | No. of assurances implemented/ dropped | No. of assurances outstanding |
|---|---|---|---|
| 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 |
| 1st Session, 1967 | 125 | 119 | 6 |
| 2nd Session, 1967 | 934 | 872 | 62 |
| 3rd Session, 1967 | 581 | 505 | 76 |
| 4th Session, 1968 | 1466 | 1174 | 292 |
| 5th Session, 1968 | 1136 | 735 | 401 |
| 6th Session, 1968 | 675* | 344 | 331 |
| 7th Session, 1969 [upto 14-3-1969] | 510* | 56 | 454 |
| TOTAL | 5427 | 3805 | 1622 |

*Provisional.

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